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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES MODERNIZATION: FRG  
PARTICIPATION IN ARMY SURVEY TEAM

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1. GENERAL BRANDT, DIRECTOR, POLITICAL/MILITARY  
AFFAIRS, FMOD, HAS DESCRIBED FOR US A CONCEPT OF THE  
ROLE OF THE GERMAN TEAM IN THE PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES  
MODERNIZATION STUDY. THAT CONCEPT STRIKES US AS  
MANAGEABLE, SUBJECT TO ADDRESSEES COMMENTS.

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2. IN A RESPONSE TO THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR'S EFFORTS

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GERMAN CONCEPTION REGARDING FUNCTIONING OF THEIR TEAM, BRANDT SAID THAT THE GERMAN CONCEPT COULD PERHAPS BEST BE SUMMARIZED BY SAYING THAT THERE WOULD BE TWO TEAMS FUNCTIONING AS ONE ADVISORY GROUP WITH CO-CHAIRMEN.

3. BRANDT SAID THAT THE GERMANS WERE RATHER PRAGMATIC ABOUT THE MEANS OF COORDINATION BETWEEN THE GERMAN AND AMERICAN TEAMS. THEY BELIEVED IT WAS NOT DESIRABLE TO HAVE ONLY ONE TEAM WITH ONE CHAIRMAN BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT WOULD ARISE IN DETERMINING THE METHOD FOR PICKING A CHAIRMAN. THEY THOUGHT, THEREFORE, THAT THE GERMAN AND AMERICAN TEAMS COULD COOPERATE CLOSELY BUT WITH TWO SEPARATE CO-CHAIRMEN. THEY FELT THE DETAILS ON HOW BEST TO COOPERATE SHOULD BE WORKED OUT IN LISBON BUT BRANDT FORESAW NO PROBLEMS ON THIS SCORE.

4. BRANDT ADDED THAT THE GERMANS HAD APPRECIATED RECEIVING OUR LIST OF TEAM MEMBERS AND THEIR SPECIALIZATIONS BECAUSE IT HAD ENABLED THEM TO PICK A TEAM WITH COMPLEMENTARY QUALIFICATIONS. HE HOPED THE TEAMS WOULD FIT AND WOULD WORK WELL TOGETHER.  
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